

AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph 23 as follows:

Lubricant flow rate in inlet portion 30 is determined by flow-restricting action of choke orifice 24 in concert with flow-restricting action of orifices 42. The example passages supplying oil flow to each of the flow-restricting orifices 42 include a larger flow area a flow area through the orifices 42. Preferably, the choke orifice 24 is sized to provide 1/5th the lubricant flow that is supplied to the outlet bearing assemblies 14. As appreciated, other relationships of lubricant flow between the outlet and inlet bearing assemblies 12, 14, can be accommodated by properly sizing the choke orifice 24.